

## Ari Fleischer speaks at NOC Tonkawa

By Scott Cloud

Former White House Press Secretary, President Ari Fleischer Communications, and FOX News Contributor Ari Fleischer spoke at Northern Oklahoma College Tuesday night about the state of politics in America and the upcoming 2024 presidential election.

Tuesday's speech was provided by the Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program.

In his political career, Fleischer said the most meaningful part was his time as President Bush's press secretary.

"It was an amazing time for me personally," he said. I would drive to work, park my car, enter the west wing and go to my office. My office was 30 feet from the Oval Office and 30 feet from the Podium of the briefing room. I loved every day I worked for President Bush because I believed in him and what he stood for and I hope that was expressed when I did my job every day."

Fleischer said the press room at the White House is unlike any other.

"There are 48 seats in the press room and they are filled with all antagonists," he joked. "They were all taking the other side than President Bush and it was up to me to deliver the president's message and I loved every minute of it."

He spoke fondly of traveling the world and seeing great places filled with amazing people.

"Being in Normandy (World War II Memorial) was definitely something I won't forget," he said. "The press secretary is afforded a lot of great opportunities and I am so thankful."

In regards to politics, Fleischer commented that the democratic and republican parties have changed over the years.

"People who used to be democrats (lower income, less educated) have now become republicans and those of higher incomes and better educated have become democrats. It's fascinating what has happened in today's politics," he said.

"That is something we need to be aware heading to the 2024 election," he said.

Fleischer then spoke of the 2024 election which he sees will be very close.

"The election boils down to seven (swing) states," he said. "It's going to be a close race that can go either way."

In foreign policy, Fleischer said the Middle East is the most important crisis for the United States going forward.

"We need to support Israel anyway we can to defeat Hamas in Gaza," he said.

Interestingly enough, Fleischer was raised a liberal democrat in New York state.



NOC President Leadership Council students with Renfro Lectureship speaker Ari Fleischer. The PLC students served at the Lectureship last Tuesday.

"I walked into Middlebury College a liberal democrat and left as a conservative. I became a conservative the first time I paid taxes," Fleischer joked.

As a former White House Press Secretary, Ari Fleischer was the primary spokesperson for President George W. Bush and delivered the

daily White House briefings from 2001 to 2003. He served as spokesman during the historic presidential recount, September 11th, two wars and the anthrax attack.

His best-selling book, *Taking Heat*, details his

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# Graduation information

By Mallory Riley, Maverick Editor

Graduation is right around the corner! Here is  
list of information to prepare for the day!

First you will need to get a degree audit with  
your advisor, then you will need to apply for the  
graduation commencement ceremony on your  
myNOC account.

The application information will include your  
name and how you want it on your diploma,  
your NOC identification number, SSN, address  
and where you want your diploma mailed to,  
date of completion, year you will graduate, if  
you have attended other collages, and which  
campus you attended for most of your classes.

Cap and gowns will be in stock the first part of  
April. You will receive an email from the boo-  
store for instructions to pick up your cap and  
gowns, invitations, and other accessories.

May 2 will be graduation/commencement  
practice. The time is to be determined.

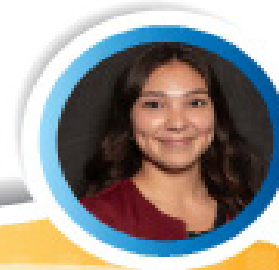
May 4 is official Commencement/Gradua-  
tionceremonies. There will be two ceremonies,  
Tonkawa's Commencement will be held in the  
morning, while Enid's Commencement will be  
held in the afternoon. Stillwater students may  
attend either campus. Times are to be deter-  
mined.

Nursing students' pinning's ceremony times  
are to be determined for both campuses' com-  
mencements.

If you any questions or concerns please con-  
tact Diana Watkins, the Vice president for aca-  
demic affairs at [dianawatkins@noc.edu](mailto:dianawatkins@noc.edu), or call  
at 580.628.6210.

For more insight as to how the ceremonies will  
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mation on the NOC website.

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# Traffic Safety

By Mallory Riley, Maverick Editor

Traffic incidents happens more often than they should, that is why there are rules and regulations made to ensure the safety of citizens all around.

Mallory Riley recently spoke to Cody Womack, Patrol Stg. with Ponca City Police Department, about certain traffic issues that needs to be re-discussed. Womack has served for 9 years, 10 months, and counting.

When driving the most important things to do is, always be aware of your surroundings, stay calm, think responsibly, and use common sense. Calling for help will always be something you should do after any incident, family or officers, there is always someone to help.

The main thing people should never do is, “take their attention off the road.”

The most common traffic violation and law people break is “speeding and improper turns.” When it comes to school zones and safety, “reduce driving speeds in school zones, you should expect children to run out into the road without warning. This means that you need to reduce your driving speeds in a school zone and be prepared to hit your brakes with little warning.”

What people should do for emergency vehicles, “the rules for pulling over for emergency vehicles include moving over if it is safe without putting yourself or other drivers in danger.”

When people have an emergency of their own on the road, “use your hazard lights when your

vehicle becomes a potential hazard for other road users.”

If someone’s car decides to break down in the middle of the road, “stay in the vehicle, turn hazard lights on, and call for help.”

Semi-trucks make very wide turns, if a semi-truck does not have enough room, “give them room and stay out of their blind spot.”

Semi-trucks have their rules as well as the ones that apply to everyone, “the commercial trucking industry has many rules and regulations designed to protect drivers and ensure the other travelers’ safety on the road. Driving hour limitations, weight load requirements, and other safety standards help reduce truck accidents on our highways.”

It happens more than it should for motorcycles to fall over, what motorcyclists should do when their bikes fall over, “to minimize injury, try to stay relaxed and roll with the fall, rather than resisting it. It is important to try to protect your head and extremities by tucking in your arms and legs, if possible. Wearing proper protective gear, such as a helmet, gloves, and armored clothing, can also help reduce the risk of injury in the event of a fall. Stand the bike up, position it away from danger.”

Motorcyclists must be a little extra cautious on the roads for safety, “obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes.”

# Fleischer

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years in the White House and reached #7 on The New York Times best-seller list. His most recent book, Suppression, Deception, Snobbery, and Bias: Why the Press Gets So Much Wrong – And Just Doesn’t Care was released in

July 2022.

Since leaving the White House, he manages Ari Fleischer Communications, a company that helps corporations and sports organizations with their communication and media needs.

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ON THE CIRCLE

5-7 PM

# Criminal Justice Wins honor awards

By Scott Cloud

NOC faculty and alumni win at American Criminal Justice Association National Conference and Competition

Troy Cochran, Director of Criminal Justice Program and Samantha Mears, NOC Alumni both attended the 2024 National Conference and Competition of the American Criminal Justice Association March 17-22 in Grapevine, Texas, and Southlake, Texas.

Both serve on the regional executive board. Cochran is the regional vice-president and Mears is the regional secretary. In addition to coordinating and overseeing the event, both were able to find the time to compete in the competitions. Competitions include, physical agility, firearms, knowledge exams and crime scene investigation.

Mears earned six first place trophies in the Upper undergraduate level.

"I couldn't be prouder of Samantha, she honors and brings great credit upon herself, NOC, Region 2 and the State of Oklahoma," Cochran said.

Mears won the following divisions Criminal Law Upper Division, Corrections Upper Division, Homeland & National Security Upper Division, Police Management Upper Division, Juvenile Justice Upper Division, and Forensic Psychology Upper Division.

Cochran earned second place in the Criminal Law Pro Division, Homeland & National Security Pro Division, Police Management and third place in Juvenile Justice Pro Division, Corrections Pro Division, and Forensic Psychology Pro Division.

Cochran was also elected National President at the annual business meeting. He currently



**NOC Criminal Justice Instructor Troy Cochran (left) and program graduate Samantha Mears earned honors at the American Criminal Justice National Conference.**

serves locally as advisor to Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter at Northern Oklahoma College as well as the Region 2 Vice-President. He has already implemented new changes to the national organization and helping to bring this historic organization to the 21st century.

"I am honored to have been elected to this position and with the support of the executive board will preserve the traditions of the organization while also implementing innovative changes in key areas to stabilize and improve upon my predecessors work," Cochran said.

The American Criminal Justice Association is a 501(c)7 tax-exempt organization devoted to expanding professionalism and education in all areas of the criminal justice field.

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The NOC Mavs celebrate a 15-10 win over NOC Enid during the first round of Bedlam games. The Mavs face the Jets again on May 3 for a conference doubleheader.



Mavs softball has a team meeting during their games against NOC Enid. The Mavs host Pratt (KS) on April 30 in the final home games of the season.

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